GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Printed Copies of Works of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any policy for preservation of the innovative works of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of copies of the works of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar printed, year-wise and language-wise;

(c) the number of copies currently available in English and Hindi; and

(d) the current status of re-printing the said works to mark the 125th Birth anniversary Dr. B.R. Ambedkar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a): Yes Sir. The writings and speeches of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in English Language have been compiled as Collected Works of Babasaheb Ambedkar (CWBA) in 18 Volumes by Government of Maharashtra. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation has undertaken the translation and publication of these Collected Works of Babasaheb Ambedkar (CWBA) from English into different languages i.e. Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, Oriya, Telugu, Gujarati, Bengali, Punjabi and Urdu. The total 18 Volumes compiled by Government of Maharashtra are divided into 40 Volumes in each of the above languages.

Language-wise details and status of translation and publication of these volumes are at Annexure − I.

(b):The year-wise & language-wise details of the number of copies of CWBA publications are at Annexure-II.

(c): 288 copies of the Hindi Edition and 2 copies of English Edition of the CWBA Volumes are available in Dr. Ambedkar Foundation .

(d): The current status of re-printing of the works of Dr. Ambedkar are as follows:-

English Edition : Dr. Ambedkar Foundation has re-printed 20000 copies of CWBA English Edition Volumes 1 to 17 after receiving No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Government of Maharashtra. The Government of Maharashtra withdrew the NOC in the year 2014. Hence, the re-printing work has since been stopped.

Hindi Edition− Dr. Ambedkar Foundation has placed orders for re-printing of Hindi Edition on 18.5.2016 and 27.1.2016.